

Winekist apples are considered small to medium-sized, larger than typical ornamental crabapples but still smaller than standard eating apples, often described as round to round-conic and intensely red, with a tart, cranberry-like flavor and coarse, juicy, beet-red flesh, making them excellent for sauces and cider. [↗](#)

Key Characteristics:

- **Size:** Small to medium.
- **Color:** Deep crimson/wine-red skin with white dots; solid beet-red flesh.
- **Texture:** Coarse-grained, juicy, crisp.
- **Flavor:** Very tart, often compared to cranberries.
- **Uses:** Best for tart applesauce (which turns dark pink) and cider, but also decent for fresh eating if you enjoy tartness.
- **Availability:** An early-season apple, ripening in late August.